Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Dr. James O. Hansen began his career in education after graduating from Black Hills State College in 1952. He later taught mathematics and chemistry at Philip for three years before earning his Master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and becoming the high school principal at Philip, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hansen later served as the superintendent of schools in Wessington, Gregory and Madison, South Dakota, for a total of 20 years, acquiring a reputation as an educational leader; and,

WHEREAS, At the state level, Jim began his service to the state of South Dakota as the assistant superintendent for instructional services in the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, Jim served as deputy state superintendent of schools from December 1978 to October 1979, when he was appointed state superintendent of elementary and secondary education; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hansen was appointed secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs in January 1985 and served as secretary in both the Janklow and Mickelson administrations; and,

WHEREAS, In his years with the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, Jim has played a vital role in improving the state's education standards, increasing school effectiveness, decreasing dropout rates, overseeing the construction of the Cultural Heritage Center, and improving post-secondary vocational education programs; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Jim has always been an educational leader who made the education of students his top priority and did not hesitate to make difficult decisions, despite the many obstacles he encountered; and,

WHEREAS, I, as Governor of South Dakota, join with state employees and South Dakota citizens to commend and thank Jim for his dedication to the youth of South Dakota, its citizens and its future and wish Jim and his wife Dora many healthy and happy years in his retirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 29, 1990, as

DR. JAMES O. HANSEN DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE